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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR PAROLE AUTHORIZATION FOR FAMILY OF
FORMER MINISTER OF EDUCATION NGO KHAC TINH

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1. AS DISCUSSED IN REFTTEL, EX-PRESIDENT THIEU HAS AGAIN MADE SPECIAL PLEA FOR PAROLE AUTHORIZATION FOR WIFE AND SIX CHILDREN OF FORMER MINISTER OF EDUCATION TINH.
2. TINH WAS UNABLE TO LEAVE SAIGON BEFORE FALL (HIS PRESENT WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN) AND THIEU TOLD EMBOFFS THAT HE FEARS TINH MAY HAVE COMMITTED SUICIDE AFTER PRG INTERROGATION SESSION.
3. WIFE AND CHILDREN HAVE NO MEANS OF SUPPORTING THEMSELVES IN TAIWAN. THE CHILDREN , AGED 7 TO 18, HAVE BEEN ATTENDING ENGLISH LANGUAGE PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN TAIPEI (THE OLDER ONES ARE AT TAIPEI AMERICAN SCHOOL). THEY SPEAK ENGLISH BUT NO CHINESE AND WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO ENROLL IN CHINESE SCHOOLS. IF PAROLE WERE AUTHORIZED, FAMILY WOULD PAY ITS OWN WAY TO GUAM TO ENTER REFUGEE PIPELINE.
4. FAMILY CONSISTS OF MOTHER NGUYEN THI HUE LAM, BORN 1934,
SON NGO KHAC TAM, BORN 1957
SON NGO KHAC TRI, BORN 1960
DAUGHTER NGO THI TRUC MAI, BORN 1961
DAUGHTER NGO THI HOANG MAI, BORN 1963
DAUGHTER NGO THI TUYET MAI, BORN 1964
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DAUGHTER NGO THI PHUONG MAI, BORN 1968

5. IN EMBASSY JUDGMENT TINH FAMILY WOULD BE UNABLE TO SETTLE
PERMANENTLY IN TAIWAN AND EMBASSY URGES PAROLE BE AUTHORIZED FOR
THIS FAMILY ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS. UNGER

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